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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2002, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 are independent claims. The Final Office Action rejects: (1) claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,035,137 to Kaneko et al. (hereafter Kaneko); (2) claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kaneko; and (3) claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kaneko in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,859,733 to Miyano (hereafter Miyano).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.